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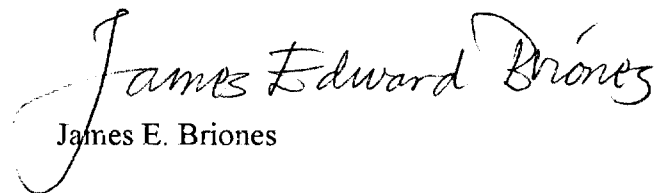
Dear public servant:

I have an incurable cancer. My health professionals tells me that I may have a better quality of life by making good life-style choices like eating natural foods and avoiding processing and additives where I can.

Please label Irradiated Foods and make labels prominent so I may choose not to eat irradiated foods. I do not want to have to hunt for the information or fear that I may be compromising my health by not knowing what I'm eating.

Though some say that the food is probably "safe" I believe it is possible that the changes to the food will render it less nutritious, destroying or altering the enzymes and other beneficial components. For me my food is my medicine. Please help me.

Thank you,


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